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City and Time Warner Agree to Road Runner Settlement

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(January 15, 2004- TROY) Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced Thursday that Time Warner Cable has refunded money the City of Troy spent in 2003 on Road Runner Internet service to five fire houses.

It was discovered two months ago that the city had been paying for Road Runner in all six of its firehouses despite the fact there were no computers in five of the buildings. The former administration did not have an answer as to why the city was paying for a service it was not using.

During a meeting with a cable executive this week, Tutunjian accepted a check for more than \$2,100. The cable company has already credited an additional amount to the city account for the unused service.

“We accept this refund and thank Time Warner Cable for the good faith measure,” Tutunjian said. “The fact that the city had this service in its fire houses without any computers is absurd, and I wish I had an answer as to why it occurred. Fortunately we have moved on to a new era of city government, and will look to save money in many areas.”

The City and Time Warner have been negotiating a new contract since March of 1998. Tutunjian and Time Warner vice-president Peter Taubkin agreed that the refund would in no way play a role in future discussions.

“We would have no reason nor interest to charge the city for services that were not being utilized,” Taubkin said. “We provide this credit certainly mindful and supportive of the fact that the city has demonstrated a concern to make the best use of its resources.”

Tutunjian added that he is looking at the way the negotiations with the cable company have taken place in the past and will decide soon which direction future talks will go.

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“We have been taking a look at a lot of areas in the city, from consultants to contracts to the use of employee time,” Tutunjian said. “We are in tough financial times, and it is imperative that we take a look at all possible savings, as well as increasing revenues.”

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